

**NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
OF THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Parks and Recreation Commission of the Town of Clarkdale will participate in a Joint Worksession with the Town of Clarkdale Common Council on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Clarkdale Police Annex, 49 N. Ninth Street, Clarkdale, Arizona. Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission will attend either in person or by telephone, video or internet conferencing. All members of the public are invited to attend.

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of this notice was duly posted on the Community Development Building bulletin board, located at 890 Main Street, Clarkdale, Arizona on the 7th day of February, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Dated this 7th day of February, 2019.

By:



Allyn Backus
Community Services Technician

ALL ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA ARE SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- 2. JOINT WORKSESSION WITH THE TOWN COUNCIL AND THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGARDING THE SELNA BALLFIELD AND MONGINI PARK MASTER SITE PLAN**– A Joint Worksession to review the proposed Master Site Plan for Selna Ballfield and Mongini Park.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Reasonable accommodations may be requested by contacting Town Hall at (928) 639-2400 (TTY: 1-800-367-8939) at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting.



STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: **JOINT WORKSESSION WITH THE TOWN COUNCIL AND THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGARDING THE SELNA BALLFIELD AND MONGINI PARK MASTER SITE PLAN**– A Joint Worksession to review the proposed Master Site Plan for Selna Ballfield and Mongini Park.

Staff Contact: Joni Westcott, Community Services Supervisor

Meeting Date: February 12, 2019

Background:

Selna Ballfield- In 1977 Mongini Revocable Trust and J. R. Selna Revocable Trust deeded 1.66 acres of property on the corner of Broadway and Second North (701 Second North Street) to the Town of Clarkdale. At the time, the property was located next to the Clarkdale Elementary School, and had been used historically as a ballfield and for recreational purposes for many years. After ownership of the property was conveyed, the Town made additional improvements to the ballfield, including securing ballpark lighting through a grant, and formally named the facility Selna Ballfield.

Mongini Park- In 1996 Suisse Family Ranches Limited Partnership and UVX Mongini Cattle Company signed an Agreement with the Town of Clarkdale allowing the Town to lease the property on the corner of Main Street and Broadway (700 Main Street) in exchange for payment of the Yavapai County annual property taxes. As stated in the Uses and Conditions of the Agreement, the Town agrees that the property is to be used only for a public recreation area. As far as improvements are concerned, the Agreement states that the Town shall be solely responsible for the improvements of the premises and providing for the construction of recreational facilities on the premises.

These two properties combined make up the recreational amenities on the corner of Main and Broadway (Mongini Park/Selna Ballfield). The lighted ballfield has not been formally used since the Fall of 2016 and the park is in need of improved landscaping.

In December of 2017 Freeport McMoRan conducted soil testing on both Selna Ballfield and Mongini Park properties and found some level of remediation will need to take place. This situation provides an opportunity for park improvements and for the Parks and Recreation Commission to engage with the community regarding their current/desired uses, ultimately creating a new Master Site Plan for the two park areas.

The community engagement portion of the Master Plan development took place through Public Open Houses, Public Hearings, and an online forum to submit suggestions and feedback. The community engagement process was as follows:

- Online Suggestion Platform: Open from October 1-November 10
- Public Open Houses: October 18 (onsite at park 4:30-6:00 pm)

- November 6 (auditorium 5:30 – 7:00 pm)
- Public Hearing: December 12 (in conjunction with December's Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting 5:00-6:30 pm)

In addition, direct mailings went out to each property owner within 1,000 feet of the park sites.

Following all of these public engagement opportunities, the Commission conducted a worksession on December 12th to discuss the outcomes of the Public Hearing and develop details for the site plan.

At their regular meeting in January the Commission was presented with a site plan drawing developed by Commissioner Pete Curè, who is a landscape architect and owner of Arterra Inc., a landscape architecture company. The Commission was extremely grateful for Commissioner Curè's work on this project. This would have been an expensive endeavor to say the least.

The site plan incorporates an expanded playground area, a water feature, a winding walking path with exercise stations throughout, a full-size basketball court, a sand volleyball court, horseshoe pits, a butterfly garden, a community garden, a passive play grass area, a dog park, a restroom, and an area for a future splash pad.

The Commission would now like to review this site plan with the Council and conduct further discussions about areas of concern and/or opportunities for the future development of Selna Ballfield and Mongini Park.

Recommendation: This is a worksession only and no Council or Commission action is required.